

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, it would interfere with our fair use rights, and should be rejected out of hand. For example, if even one second of footage of my son's participation in the Macy's Day Parade contained the broadcast flag, I wouldn't be allowed to copy it and send it to his grandmother over the Internet.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? It's likely that setting up DTV permissions within such a home network configuration would be beyond the ability of most consumers, and would be unduly burdensome.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

It's unclear at this point what the impact would be. The FCC should err on the side of the consumer.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Absolutely. The flag could place an entire industry of innovation digital technologies at risk.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

I'll defer to others on this.

Other Comments:

Please do the right thing. Many of us feel very strongly about this issue.